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Rep. VanderMeer Supports Local Property Assessment

Madison – State Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) issued the following statement regarding Joint Finance Committee's decision to remove the county based property assessment proposal from the state budget:

"Since Governor Walker's budget was proposed, I have heard many concerns from my constituents about the potential changes that would shift property assessment duties from local towns and villages to counties. During every listening session, support for local property assessment was vocalized repeatedly. Our local township leaders also offered their concerns during all of my visits with them."

"Based on my constituents' feedback, I've made the case to many of my legislative colleagues that the changes are not feasible. I am encouraged, that as a result of these conversations, Joint Finance Committee leaders announced that this provision has been removed from the budget."

"I am proud to have served as a strong voice to protect local property assessment for the citizens of the 70th Assembly District. I encourage everyone to remain a part of the discussion. With your help, we can continue working toward creating the best budget for our state and give Wisconsin citizens the future they deserve."

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The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties.